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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FMS HELICOPTERS

REF: A. CJUSMMAT MSG , ARSPM, 010600Z JULY 74

B. SECDEF MSG, ASDILSA(SA)/DSAA, 031320Z JUL 74

1. TURKISH GROUND FORCES COMMAND (GFC) HAS NOW INFORMED JUSMMAT THAT GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY (GOT) HAS 450 MILLION TURKISH LIRA (APPROXIMATELY \$33 MILLION) TO OBLIGATE FOR PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS. GFC WANTS THEREFORE TO INCREASE PREVIOUS HELICOPTER SALES REQUEST (REF A), WHICH WE UNDERSTAND NOW BEING REVIEWED IN DEPARTMENT, TO: (A) TWO CH-47C HELICOPTERS; (B) TWENTY-FIVE UH-1H HELICOPTERS WITH ARMAMENTS; AND (C) AS MANY ADDITIONAL UH-1H HELICOPTERS WITHOUT ARMAMENTS AS CAN BE PURCHASED WITH REMAINING FUNDS.

2. GOT INSISTS ON GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT SALE SO THAT ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE COMPATIBLE WITH EXISTING GRANT AID INVENTORY AND FOR REASONS LISTED IN JUNE 12 LTR JUSM/ARSPM TO SECDEF ASD:ISA(SA)DSAA, "REQUEST FOR MILITARY SALE OF HELICOPTERS".

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3. EXPERIENCE IN CYPRUS HAS CLEARLY HEIGHTENED OPERATIONAL

VALUE OF HELICOPTERS IN EYES OF TURKISH ARMY AND
STIMULATED TO LARGE DEGREE THIS REQUEST. WE BELIEVE,
HOWEVER, THAT TWENTY-THREE MONTH LEAD TIME, WHICH WE
UNDERSTAND NEEDED FOR DELIVERY FROM DATE OF WASHINGTON
APPROVAL, SERVES TO DISASSOCIATE THIS SALE FROM PRESENT
CYPRUS SITUATION. WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL.
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